GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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REVIEW ON BUDGETARY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to undertake a through review of DOT budgetary systems to avoid excess expenditure and violation of budgetary ceilings:

(b) Whether DOT has not taken any action and excess expenditure is continue to take place :

(c) If so, the details of excess expenditure made during 1998-99 and

(d) The steps taken by the Government to ensure that no excess expenditure is incurred henceforth?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): The `excess` of Rs.300.85 crores in the Revenue section of the Grant during 1998-99 constitutes only 1.62% of the total Grant and is mainly due to more appropriation of surplus to Reserve Funds. It reflects that the Department has earned more revenue to that extent than anticipated during the year due to which the appropriation to Funds turned out to be higher than estimated. It is in this sense only a `technical` excess and not excess of expenditure over authorization approved by the Parliament. Steps have been taken to further strengthen the system of estimation of earnings and control of expenditure.